

BOTH smarting from recent Amateur Cup defeats, Wycombe Wanderers and Slough Town meet on Easter Monday, April 3 at York Road, Maidenhead, in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final.

Wanderers' absent midfield star, Larry Pritchard should be back in action in time for the game.

After Saturday's failure, Wycombe's major priority is now the retention of the Isthmian crown they won last May for the first time in

14 seasons. They are 10 points clear of nearest challengers Hendon, who can still draw level by winning their five games in hand.

It is important therefore, Wanderers make things as easy as possible by maintaining maximum pressure on the Claremont Road club.

Hendon play tonight (Tuesday) at home to Tooting, while Wycombe visit the Sandy Lane club on Saturday. The Blues have only eight games to play, to Hendon's 13 plus their involvement in the Amateur Cup final next month.

But with such strong opposition as Sutton, Walton, Enfield and of course Hendon among their forthcoming fixtures, Wycombe by no means have the title sewn up. The crucial spell could come when Wanderers are without a game from their trip to Walton on Friday, April 21 until entertaining Enfield, the other Cup finalists, on Saturday, May 6.

In that fortnight, directly following their appearance at Wembley, Hendon feel the pressure of four matches. But unless the Middlesex men crack en route, all could depend on the showdown with Wanderers.

Twice from behind

WYCOMBE Wanderers top two strikers, Tony Horseman and Keith Searle both scored equalisers during their 2-2 draw with Section B leaders, Slough Town in Monday night's Premier Foodlight League 'derby' clash at the Dolphin.

Horseman (49th), levelled Peter Cruse's 5th minute goal, then, in the second half, Searle (64th) answered Micky Sullivan's 56th minute penalty goal. Wycombe goalkeeper, Brian Ede made several fine saves as Wanderers, beaten 2-1 at Loakes Park in the first meeting, brought the Rebels' 100 per cent home run to an end.